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HIS HIGHNES'S
COMMISSION
UNDER
The Great Seal
OF
ENGLAND:

Directed to the
LORDS COMMISSIONERS
of the Treasury, Barons of the
Exchequer, and others,

For satisfiying the **FIFTHS** of such
DISCOVERIES

As have or shall be by any person or per-
sons made out before the Commissioners for
Discoveries at *Worcester-House in the Strand,*

Of any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears
of Rents, Debts, Duties, Money, Plate, Jewels, Goods,
Chattels, and other things, belonging to his Highness the
Lord Protector in right of the Commonwealth,
and unjustly concealed and detained;
and for seising the same by
due Proces out of the

EXCHEQUER.

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UNDER

The Great Seal

OF THE

LANDS, TENEMENTS, AND HEREDITAMENTS, AND OTHERS, BELONGING TO THE CROWN

For the purpose of selling or leasing

DISCOVERIES

of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, or other

rights, or interests, or franchises, or liberties, or

advowsons, or patronages, or tithes, or

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DIRECTED

To the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury,
Barons of the Exchequer, and others.



OLIVER, Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominions thereto belonging, To our right trusty and welbeloved, the Commissioners of and for our Treasury, the Barons of our Exchequer, and our Attorney General for the time being; And all other our Officers and Ministers of or in our Exchequer; And all others, to whom these presents shall appertain, and to every of them, Greeting;

Whereas by our Letters Patents under our Great Seal of England, bearing date at Westminster the Thre and twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord God, One thousand six hundred fifty and six, we have for the Reasons therein expressed, nominated, constituted, and appointed Ralph Hall, Peter Elliston, John Griffith, Edward Carey, John Wilsby, William Bridges, and Nathaniel Stirrup, Esquires, to be our Commissioners, and have thereby impowred and authorized, and appointed them or any four or more of them, to receive for and on our behalf, all such Informations as should by any person or persons

sons be exhibited before them, touching or any way concerning our Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Plate, Jewels, Goods, Chattels, or other things belonging to us in right of the Commonwealth, and not pardoned, but unjustly concealed and detained. And by all such good and lawful ways and means, as to them or any four or more of them, should seem meet to send for any Persons, Parties, Witnesses, Records, Accompts, Books, and Writings whatsoever; And if upon any such Information, Examination, and Inquiry, and full hearing of the parties concerned, and mature consideration had of the whole matter, it should appear unto them our said Commissioners, or any four or more of them, That any such Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Goods, Chattels, Plate, Jewels, or other things, so belonging to us in right of the Commonwealth, and not pardoned, be unjustly concealed or detained as aforesaid; then they our said Commissioners, or any four or more of them should forthwith from time to time, under their Hands and Seals, certifie all such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Goods, Chattels, Plate, Jewels, and other things so discovered; together with the whole matter, touching such Discovery or Discoveries to you our said Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, to the end you our said Commissioners of our Treasury, might forthwith cause the premises by Proses out of our Court of Exchequer, to be duly seised into our hands, and to that purpose put in charge in the great Roll of the Pipe there; Which said Commissioners for Discoveries or four or more of them, We did in and by our said Letters Patents, command and require to meet upon Monday the Six and twentieth day of May last past, by nine of the clock in the morning at Worcester-house in the Strand,

Strand, in the County of Middlesex, then and there to enter upon the execution of that our Commission, and to proceed therein for the space of one whole year, from the date of our said Commission, or until we should signify our pleasure to the contrary.

And whereas for the Reasons in our Letters Patents at large expressed, we have declared our Will and pleasure to be, and have thereby with the advice and consent of our Council, granted, That all and every person and persons, who before you our said Commissioners of and for our Treasury had then discovered, or upon any Information or Informations to be afterwards exhibited before them our said Commissioners for Discoveries, or any four or more of them should discover, or upon any Bill or Information then exhibited, or afterwards to be exhibited in our said Court of Exchequer, had then discovered or should after discover any such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Money, Plate, Jewels, or any other the premises so belonging to us, and not pardoned, but unjustly concealed or detained as aforesaid; and the respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns of all and every such person and persons so discovering, should from time to time, and at all times, have and enjoy to their own use and behoof, one full fifth part, or so much more as you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, should think fit to allow of all Annual and other sum and sums which should be paid into the Receipt of our Exchequer, upon any such Discovery or Discoveries, and upon the prosecution of any such person or persons so discovering respectively; And that if any persons or persons be seised of any such Manor, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Moneys, Plate, Jewels, Goods, or Chattels, or owing any such Arrears of Rents, Debts, and Duties, so belonging to us, and not pardoned, but unjustly concealed or detained as aforesaid, should voluntarily first discover

the same unto you our said Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, before any such discovery thereof made as aforesaid, and should submit unto such Orders and Directions, as should by you our said Commissioners of our Treasury be given, for the more speedy seising into our hands, and due charging in the great Boil of the Pipe aforesaid, all such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Goods, and Chattels, so voluntarily discovered as aforesaid, then and in such case onely; We have in and by our said Letters Patents declared our Will to be, That such person and persons so voluntarily discovering, and his, her, and their respective Heirs and Assigns, should from time to time, and at all times have and enjoy to their own use one full Fifth part, or so much more as you our Commissioners of our Treasury, should think fit to allow of all Annual, or other sum or sums of Money which should be paid into the Receipt of our Exchequer, upon voluntary discovery or discoveries of any such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, or other the premises, and should likewise have Allowance, Deduction, Defalcation, and Retainer, to him, her, or themselves, of one full Fifth part, or of so much more as you our said Commissioners of our Treasury should think fit, to allow of all such Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Plate, Jewels, and sums of Money so voluntarily discovered, to be in his, her, or their possession, or by him, her, or them owing, concealed or detained as aforesaid.

And Whereas in and by our said Letters Patents, We have declared our further Will and pleasure to be, That if any person or persons having compounded, and having any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Plate, Jewels, Goods, or Chattels, omitted out of his, her, or their Composition or Compositions not pardoned

pardoned, but unjustly concealed or detained as aforesaid, or being then under Sequestration for the Delinquency or Recusancy; and having any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Plate, Jewels, Goods, or Chattels, not sequestred nor pardoned but concealed or detained as aforesaid; or being comprised in any Act for Sale; and having any Copihold or Customary Lands or Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Goods or Chattels, not sequestred nor pardoned, but concealed or detained as aforesaid; Do and should before any such discovery thereof made as aforesaid, petition you our said Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, to be admitted to compound for the same. Then we have thereby willed and authorised you our said Commissioners of our Treasury, That in such case you compound with such person or persons so petitioning after the rate of one fourth part of the value of such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Goods, and Chattels respectively; and have by our said Letters Patents, declared and granted by and with the advice and consent of our Council, That all and every such person and persons who should compound as aforesaid, and after submit unto such Orders and Directions as by you our said Commissioners of our Treasury should be given, for duly charging such sum or sums of Money as should be due, and owing upon such Composition or Compositions in the Roll of the Pipe, and should duly pay the same into the Receipt of our Exchequer; and the Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such person and persons so compounding, submitting, and paying, should and might peaceably hold and enjoy all such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Goods and Chattels so compounded for, free and clear, of and from any

any Seifure, Sequestration or Moleftation whatsoever, any thing in that our faid Commiffion or otherwife to the contrary notwithstanding; as in and by our faid Letters Patents relation, being thereunto had more at large (amongft other things) it doth and may appear.

And Whereas We have received Information, that the faid Nathaniel Stirrup, one of our Commiffioners beforementioned, is lately dead, Know ye, That We by the advice of our Council, have nominated and assigned, and by these presents, Do nominate and assign our trusty and welbeloved Robert Griffith Esq; to be One of our Commiffioners as aforesaid, in the stead and place of him the faid Nathaniel Stirrup, deceased; to do and execute all and singular, the Powers and Authorities in our faid Letters of Commiffion mentioned, and all and every other thing and things therein contained, together with our faid other Commiffioners surviving, according to the purport and intent thereof, and that in as full and ample manner and form to all intents and purposes, as if he the faid Robert Griffith had been specially and exprefly named One of our faid Commiffioners in that our Commiffion aforesaid. And our Will and pleasure is, That he the faid Robert Griffith be reputed and taken as one of our Commiffioners aforesaid, by force and vertue of these presents, to do and execute the premises accordingly; And to the intent and purpose, That our Will and pleasure in and by our faid Letters Patents, so as above declared, may be put in due execution; And all such Fifths, Allowances, Defalcations, and Compositions, may be duly had and made according to the true intent and meaning of our faid (in part recited) Letters Patents, Know ye further, That We have authorised and required and by these presents, do authorise and require you our Commiffioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any Two or more of you,

you, from time to time, to receive as well all such Certificates of any such Discovery or Discoveries made or to be made before our said Commissioners for Discoveries, or any four of them; as also all such voluntary Discoveries as have been or shall be first made before you our Commissioners of our Treasury, or any two or more of you as aforesaid: And we have authorised and required, and by these presents do authorise and require you our Commissioners of our Treasury, Barons of our Exchequer, and our Attorney General for the time being, and all other our Officers and Ministers of, and in our said Exchequer, whom it may concern, That according to the duties of your several places, you cause all such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Plate, Jewels, Goods, Chattels, and other things, so as above certified to be discovered before our said Commissioners for Discoveries, or any four of them, or so as above voluntarily first discovered before you our said Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, to be seized into our hands by due Process out of our said Exchequer, or put in charge either in the great Roll of the Pipe, or with the Auditors of our said Exchequer, As to you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, shall be thought most advantageous for the Commonwealth in that behalf.

And we have authorised and required, and by these presents, do authorise and require you our said Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any two or more of you from time to time, to allow unto all and every such person and persons, who before you our said Commissioners of our Treasury, have, at, or before the day of the date of our said Commission, so as above discovered, or before our said Commissioners for Discoveries, have so as aforesaid discovered, or shall hereafter discover; or

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upon any Bill or Information exhibited or to be exhibited in our said Court of Exchequer, have so as above discovered, or shall hereafter discover; and to the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, of all and every such person or persons so discovering, one full Fifth part of all such Annual and other sum or sums of Money whatsoever; as by the joyned or severall Certificate or Certificates of the Clerk of the Pells, of the Receipt of our Exchequer, and other our Officer or Officers, unto whom it shall appertain, shall appear unto you the Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any two or more of you, to be paid into the Receipt of our Exchequer, upon any such Discovery or Discoveries, and upon the prosecution of such person or persons so discovering respectively.

And we do also by these presents, authorize and require you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any two or more of you from time to time, to grant your Warrant or Warrants, for the due payment out of the Receipt of our Exchequer, of such Fifth part, or Fifth parts, unto such person or persons so discovering, and their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, respectively. Nevertheless, if any person or persons being so as abovesaid, seized or possessed of any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Monies, Plate, Jewels, Goods, Chattels, or other things, or owing any Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, or other things so as above, belonging unto us, and concealed or detained as aforesaid, have so as above, voluntarily first discovered, or shall voluntarily first discover the same unto you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, before any such discovery thereof, made as aforesaid; and have submitted or shall submit unto such Orders and Directions, as by you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any two or more of you have been or shall be

be given, for the due selling into our hands, the
 premises so voluntarily discovered or to be discovered,
 and putting the same in charge in the great Roll of
 the Pipe, or with the Auditors of our Exchequer;
 Then our will and pleasure is, and we do by these
 presents, authorize and require you our Commis-
 sioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any
 two or more of you from time to time; and at all
 times to make allowance by way of Deduction, De-
 falcation, and Retainer, to such person and persons,
 so voluntarily discovering, and his, her, and their
 heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns re-
 spectively, of one full fifth part of all such Rents, Ar-
 rears of Rents, Moneys, and Debts, so volunta-
 rily first discovered; and also to make allowance un-
 to such person and persons, so voluntarily discover-
 ing; and his, her, and their heirs, Executors, Ad-
 ministrators and Assigns respectively, of one full
 fifth part of all such Annual, and other sum and
 sums of Money, as by such Certificate or Certifi-
 cates of our said Clerk of the Pells, of the Receipt
 of our Exchequer, and other our Officers, to whom
 it shall appertain, shall appear unto you our Com-
 missioners of our Treasury for the time being, to be
 paid into the Receipt of our Exchequer, upon such
 voluntary Discovery or Discoveries of any such
 Manors, Lands, Tenements, Plate, Jewels,
 Goods, and Chattels: And also, we do by these
 presents authorize and require you our Commission-
 ers of our Treasury for the time being, or any two
 or more of you, from time to time, to grant your
 Warrant or Warrants as well for striking of Tal-
 lies for such fifths by way of Deduction, Defalcation
 and Retainer; as also for the due payment out
 of the Receipt of our Exchequer of such fifths, of
 all such Annual and other sums of Money, unto
 such person or persons so voluntarily discovering and
 submitting, and his, her, and their heirs, Executors,
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Administrators, and Assigns, respectively. And for the better satisfaction unto all and every such person and persons, any Ways intituled unto any such Fifths as aforesaid, We do by these presents authorise and require you our said Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any two or more of you from time to time to contract with any person or persons so intituled unto any such Fifths for any Lease or Leases of any such Manors, Lands, or Tenements so discovered for any term of years, to be made unto such person or persons so intituled, in full satisfaction of such their Fifths as abovesaid: And such Lease and Leases so to be contracted for, and made, shall pass under our Great Seal of England, or the Seal of our Exchequer, by Warrant under the hands of you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, or of any two or more of you: And We do by these presents, further authorise and require you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any two or more of you, from time to time to receive the Petition and Petitions of all and every such person and persons, as having compounded, and having any such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Plate, Jewels, Goods or Chattels, omitted out of his or their Composition or Compositions, and so unjustly concealed or detained, as aforesaid; and being now under Sequestration for Delinquency or Recusancy, and having any such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Plate, Jewels, Goods, or Chattels not sequestred, but concealed or detained as aforesaid, or being comprised in any Act for Sale, and having any Copihold or Customary Lands, or Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Goods, or Chattels not sequestred, but concealed or detained as aforesaid, or the Petition and Petitions of the Heirs, Executors, Administrators,

or Assigns of such person or persons, having so compounded, or being, or having been so under Sequestration, or being so compelled in any Act for Sale as aforesaid respectively, as shall before any discovery thereof made as aforesaid, and before the expiration of our said Commission, petition you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, to be admitted to compound for the same respectively; and to compound with all and every such person and persons so petitioning, after the rate of one Fourth part of the value of such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Plate, Goods and Chattels, respectively; and also to make and give such Orders and Directions as to you our Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, or any two or more of you shall be thought fit for the due charging the great Roll of the Pipe; all and every such sum and sums of money so due or owing upon any such Composition or Compositions respectively, and for the speedy payment thereof into the Receipt of our Exchequer accordingly.

And we do by these presents authorize, will and require you our Commissioners of our Treasury, Barons of our Exchequer, and our Attorney General for the time being, and all other our Officers and Ministers of and in our Exchequer, whom it may concern, to permit and suffer all and every such person and persons, that shall so petition and compound, and shall likewise observe and perform such Orders and Directions, and their Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns respectively, from time to time, quietly and peaceably to have hold and occupy, all such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Arrears of Rents, Debts, Duties, Moneys, Plate, Jewels, Goods, and Chattels, so compounded for, free and clear; of and from any Seizure, Sequestration, or other Molestation whatsoever; Any Law,
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Statute,

Statute, Act, Ordinance, or any other matter or thing whatsoever to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding : And for so doing, and for observing and executing our Will and pleasure herein expressed, and the several Authorities hereby given, These presents shall be unto you, and every of you respectively, a good, absolute and sufficient discharge. In Witness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents ; Witness our self at Westminster the Twelfth day of March, One thousand six hundred fifty and six.

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